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The method is for pre-treatment of chips that are fed to a
sulphate cooking process. Through acidification of the chips
in an acidic treatment fluid with a subsequent draining of
10 free treatment fluid before subsequent steaming or wet-
steaming, a high concentration of free hydrogen ions is
established within the chip pieces. When the chips are
subsequently formed into slurry with preferably a sulphide-
rich alkali cooking fluid, H_2S is formed locally in the chip
15 pieces which gives a yield-increasing effect in the subsequent
cooking step of 1-3%.--